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Pursuant to Rule 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted on Form PTO-1449. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the Examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each foreign patent or non-patent literature is listed on Form PTO-1449 is submitted herewith.

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Statement Regarding Translations

DE 195 22 527 A1 is equivalent to U.S. 6,279,047.3

DE 199 37 529 A1 is equivalent to U.S. 6,848,038 B1.

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